What is claimed is:

1.   A computer-implemented method of projecting content, the method comprising:

receiving a request from a user to access the content;

enabling a user to perceive the content based on the request received from the user; and

preventing the user from capturing the content while perception of the content is enabled.

2.   The method of claim 1 further comprising presenting an indicator that indicates the presence of the content, with the indicator differing from the content.

3.   The method of claim 2 wherein the content is an image and the indicator includes a display area that has substantially the same size as the image and is positioned at substantially the same location as the image.

4.   The method of claim 2 wherein the indicator comprises text that presents the user with instructions for operating an input device to perceive the content when a graphical interface tool is positioned over the indicator.

5.   The method of claim 2 wherein enabling the user to perceive the content includes presenting the content to the user when the user requests access to the content by at least positioning a graphical interface tool over the indicator.

6.   The method of claim 5 wherein preventing the user from capturing the content comprises preventing the user from using devices capable of capturing the content while the content is being presented to the user.

7.   The method of claim 5 wherein preventing the user from capturing the content comprises preventing the user from using a single device to both present and capture the content.

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8.   The method of claim 2 wherein enabling the user to perceive the content includes

presenting the content in a browser window.

9.   The method of claim 8 wherein preventing the user from capturing the content

comprises preventing the user from accessing a browser application that is otherwise capable of

at least one of copying and saving the content.

10.   The method of claim 1 wherein preventing the user from capturing the content

comprises preventing a perception of the content whenever the user attempts to capture the

content.

11.   The method of claim 1 wherein the content comprises an image and enabling the

user to perceive the content includes displaying the image.

12.   The method of claim 11 further comprising presenting an icon that differs from

the content and that indicates a presence of the content.

13.   The method of claim 12 wherein the content includes an image and presenting the

icon comprises displaying the icon in an area that has a size and a location that are substantially

the same as a size and a location of the image.

14.   The method of claim 12 wherein presenting the icon includes directing the user to

operate an input device in a prescribed manner in order to request access to the content when a

graphical interface tool is positioned over the icon.

15.   The method of claim 12 wherein receiving a request from the user to access the content includes receiving input from the user corresponding to the positioning of a graphical interface tool over the icon.

16.   The method of claim 15 wherein preventing the user from capturing the content comprises preventing the user from using a single device to both present and capture the content.

17.   The method of claim 1 wherein the content includes an image and preventing the user from capturing the content comprises preventing the user from copying and saving the image.

18.   The method of claim 1 wherein the content is described in hyper-text markup language.

19.   The method of claim 18 wherein receiving a request from the user to access the content comprises receiving instructions from a user to access a document, the instructions including a network address of the document.

20.   The method of claim 1 wherein the content includes sound, enabling the user to perceive the content includes playing the sound, and preventing the user from capturing the content includes preventing capture of information representing the sound.

21.   The method of claim 1 wherein the content includes text, enabling the user to perceive the content includes displaying the text, and preventing the user from capturing the content includes preventing capture of information representing the text.

1   22.   The method of claim 1 wherein the content includes video, enabling the user to

2   perceive the content includes playing the video, and preventing the user from capturing the

3   content includes preventing capture of information representing the video.

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23.   A system for protecting content, the system comprising:

      a processor having communications links for receiving content from a network;

      an output device for making received network content perceivable;

      an input device for receiving user input; and

      memory storing software instructions performed by the processor (i) for receiving a

request from a user to access the content, (ii) for enabling a user to perceive the content based on

the request received form the user, and (iii) for preventing the user from capturing the content

when perception of the content is enabled.

24.   The system of claim 23 wherein the memory further comprises software

instructions performable by the processor for generating an indicator that indicates the presence

of the content, with the indicator differing from the content.

25.   The system of claim 24 wherein the content is an image and the memory includes

2   software instructions performable by the processor for generating the indicator to include a

3   display area having a size and a location that are substantially the same as a size and a position of

4   the image.

1   26.   The system of claim 24 wherein the memory includes software instructions

2   performable by the processor for generating the indicator to include text that is presented to the

3   user with instructions for operating an input device to perceive the content when a graphical

4   interface tool is positioned over the indicator.

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1   27.   The system of claim 24 wherein the software instruction for enabling the user to

2   perceive the content include software instructions for presenting the content to the user when the

3   user requests access to the content by at least positioning a graphical interface tool over the

4   indicator.

1   28.   The system of claim 27 wherein the software instructions for preventing the user

2   from capturing the content include software instructions for preventing the user from using

3   devices capable of capturing the content while the content is being presented to the user.

      29.   The system of claim 27 wherein the software instructions for preventing the user

from capturing the content include software instructions for preventing the user from using a

single input device to both present and capture the content.

      30.   The system of claim 24 wherein the software instructions for enabling the user to

perceive the content include software instructions for presenting the content in a browser

window.

1   31.   The system of claim 30 wherein the software instructions for preventing the user

2   from capturing the content comprises software instructions for preventing the user from

3   accessing a browser application that otherwise is capable of at least one of copying and saving

4   the content.

1   32.   The system of claim 23 wherein the software instructions for preventing the user

2   from capturing the content comprises software instructions for preventing a perception of the

3   content whenever the user attempts to capture the content.

1   33. The system of claim 23 wherein the content includes an image and the software

2 instructions for preventing the user from capturing the content comprise software instructions for

3 preventing the user from copying and saving the image.

1   34. The system of claim 23 wherein the software instructions enable perception of the

2 content from a webpage.

1   35. The system of claim 23 wherein the content comprises an image and the software

2 instructions for enabling the user to perceive the content include software instructions for

3 displaying the image.

   36. The system of claim 23 wherein the content is described in hyper-text markup

language.

1   37. The system of claim 23 wherein the software instructions for receiving a request

2 from the user to access the content comprise software instructions for receiving input from a user

3 indicating a request for access to a document, with the instructions including a network address

4 of the document.

1   38. The system of claim 23 wherein the content includes sound, the software

2 instructions for enabling the user to perceive the content include software instructions for playing

3 the sound, and the software instructions for preventing the user from capturing the content

4 includes software instructions for preventing capture of information representing the sound.

1   39. The system of claim 23 wherein the content includes text, the software

2 instructions for enabling the user to perceive the content include software instructions for

3   displaying the text, and the software instructions for preventing the user from capturing the

4   content includes software instructions for preventing capture of information representing the text.

1   40.   The system of claim 23 wherein the content includes video, the software

2   instructions for enabling the user to perceive the content include software instructions for playing

3   the video, and the software instructions for preventing the user from capturing the content

4   includes software instructions for preventing capture of information representing the video.

1   41.   The system of claim 23 wherein the software instructions are stored as a Java

2   applet.

42.   Computer software, tangibly embodied in a computer-readable medium or in a

propagated carrier signal, for protecting content, for causing a computer system to perform the

following operations, the software comprising:

    a first code segment to enable receipt of a request from a user to access the content;

    a second code segment to enable perception of the content based on the request received

from the user; and

    a third code segment to prevent capturing of the content by the user when perception of

8   the content is enabled.

1   43.   The software of claim 42 further comprising a fourth code segment to generate an

2   indicator that indicates the presence of the content, with the indicator differing from the content.

1   44.   The software of claim 43 wherein the content is an image and the fourth code

2   segment generates the indicator to include a display area having a size and a location that are

3   substantially the same as a size and a position of the image.

1   45.   The software of claim 43 wherein the fourth code segment generates the indicator

2   to include text that presents the user with instructions for operating an input device to perceive

3   content when a graphical interface tool is positioned over the indicator.

1   46.   The software of claim 43 wherein the second code segment to enable perception

2   of the content includes a code segment to present the content to the user when the user requests

3   access to the content by at least positioning a graphical interface tool over the indicator.

1   47.   The software of claim 46 wherein the third code segment to prevent capturing of

2   the content comprises a code segment to prevent the user from using devices capable of capturing

3   the content while the content is being presented to the user.

1   48.   The software of claim 46 wherein the third code segment to prevent capturing of

2   the content comprises a code segment to prevent the user from using a single input device to both

3   present and capture the content.

1   49.   The software of claim 43 wherein the second code segment to enable perception

2   of the content includes a code segment to present the content in a browser window.

1   50.   The software of claim 49 wherein the third code segment to prevent capturing of

2   the content comprises a code segment to prevent the user from accessing a browser application

3   that otherwise is capable of at least one of copying and saving the content.

1   51.   The software of claim 42 wherein the third code segment to prevent capturing of

2   the content comprises a code segment to prevent a perception of the content whenever the user

3   attempts to capture the content.